Testimony of Eyewitnesses to the Oceurrence-Edelin Given a Good

Robert Edelin, the colored driver of a coal cart, who struck John Ward with a piece of brick Friday afternoon in Simpson's coal yard, at 648 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and caused the latter's death, was held for the action of the grand jury today. He was held by the coroner's jury at an inquest held at the sixth precinct station. Acting Coroner Glazebrook filled out a certificate upon which the accused was committed to jail. Policeman Cullinane, who made the arrest, was present at the inquest with a sworn statement

of the prisoner, who did not give testimony. The Testimony. William C. Gill, 1007 11th street southeast, testified that Friday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock he was standing near the gate at Simpson's coal yard when he saw the affair which ended in Ward's death. According to his statement, Edelin was to have purchased a pair of shoes from two boys for a quarter, but a man named Betters paid 30 cents for them before the boys reached Edelin. The latter complained that Betters had cut him out of the purchase. Ward, who was standing in the yard, made some remark which witness did not under-stand. The witness said that Ward picked up a piece of brick or stone, and Edelin, who was loading coke, picked up a piece of brick. Then the men began fooling, as they had frequently done before, and Edelin slapped at Ward with the piece of brick in his hand. Ward did not jump back as he usually did when they were fooling and the brick struck him on the head. Witness heard no profane or threatening language. So far as he knew, the men were the best of friends. Edelin made ho effort to get away, but remained there and assisted in

away, but remained there and assisted in caring for the injured man.
William H. Betters, colored, who bought the shoes, told of the conversation with Edelin, and said that then Ward addressed a remark to Edelin. Ward had a stone in his hand. Edelin answered Ward by telling him he was a " old ligr." Witness said him he was a "— old liar." Witness said he saw Edelin strike Ward and knock him

down.

Betters told the jury that Edelin was employed in the coal yard, and Ward was there looking for a job. Neither man there looking for a job. Neither man seemed angry and witness was surprised when the blow was struck. Ward fell backward, and his head struck against a piece of flagging. Witness said he had known Edelin many years, and said he was a man of good character. So far as witness knew the men had never had any trouble. Ward he said had no interest in the ble. Ward, he said, had no interest in the shoe transaction.

Arthur Simpson, son of the proprietor of the coal yard, also gave testimony. Wit-ness said Edelin told him of the affair and expressed himself as being sorry for what had occurred. He did not appear angry. Edelin had been employed about the yard for about twelve years, and his reputation

#### Medical Evidence.

Dr. Herbert, 634 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, testified that he was called to see the wounded man. He seemed to be suffering from concussion of the brain, and witness directed that he be sent to the hospital. There were two injuries to his head and both wounds had bled freely. An injury to the back of the head had been

Dr. R. W. Baker testified that he performed the autopsy. There was no frac-ture of the skull. Ward, he thought, was fifty-five or sixty years old. The injury to the back of the head was more severe than that inflicted on the temple. Death was due to concussion of the brain, resulting from the injuries.

#### RULES OF THE STREET. Violations of Law as to Fast Riding

and Other Offenses. As a result of Major Sylvester's order Friday calling on the police of the different precincts to enforce that part of the police regulation dealing with fast and reckless riding and riding on the wrong side of the streets, numerous arrests have been made. A detail of ten bicycle officers did duty at intervals along Pennsylvania avenue Saturday from the treasury to the Peace monument. Yesterday the squad gave their attention to the territory in the third precinct and today the second precinct will be covered by them. As a rule the officers warned the violators

Charles Ubank, a hack driver, was the first to be arraigned in the Police Court in connection with the new order. Policeman Plemmons testified that Ubank was driving on the wrong side of the street near the treasury Saturday night. The officer's wheel was badly damaged as a result of coming in contact with the wheels of the

of the law before they were arrested.

Ubank told Judge Kimball that he was crossing the street to pull up to the curbstone. He was adjudged to be guilty, however, and paid a fine of \$5, which the court

imposed.

The following named forfeited their collateral: John E. Mellin, no bell on bicycle, \$2: Benjamin Richardson, riding bicycle on wrong side of street, \$2: Lawrence Costigan, no bell on bicycle, \$2: Lister Wilson, no bell on bicycle, \$2: James Washington, excessive speed on bicycle, \$5: Henry W. Yount, fast driving, \$5: Everett Cissel, driving on wrong side of street, \$5: Winfield Allen, excessive speed on bicycle, \$3: James Davis, driving on wrong side of street, \$2: Allen, excessive speed on bicycle, \$3; James Davis, driving on wrong side of street, \$2; Charles Nepple, driving on wrong side of street, \$2; Alexander Potter, driving on wrong side of street, \$1; Edward Thompson, riding bicycle on wrong side of street, \$1; Low Edelin, fast driving, \$10.

#### Additional Contributions.

Mr. John Joy Edson, treasurer of the Associated Charities, acknowledges receipt of the following additional contributions in response to the appeals sent out last week: Heretofore acknowledged...... \$1,084.18 Mrs. Alice P. Barney (second con-

tribution)

John B. Henderson
Clerks in paymaster general's office, War Department. Gibson Brothers ..... L. L. Reamey.... Mayleid & Brown
Andrew Johnson
Mrs. Emily R. Dunlop
Mrs. Mary M. Clark.
Miss Nettle G. Bradley Robert A. Philips..... H. E. Warner.
Mrs. M. E. Olivio. Rev. B. F. Bittinger.
Miss Mary E. Moore.
Miss Nannie M. Dade. 

#### Fine Was Twenty Dollars.

Solomon Berlin reported to the Police Court this morning that John Newton, colored, had taken a stepladder and a rug from his place of business on 7th street northwest several days ago. John Rosenberg charged Newton with the larceny of a stove valued at \$2. Newton failed to convince Judge Scott of his innocence, and a fine of \$20 was imposed, with two months' imprisonment as the alternative.

#### Fire Causes Alarm.

The burning of dry grass and brush on the White estate, on which is the Brightwood race track, late Saturday afternoon, larmed the lessee of the property, John Bakersmith, and a number of property owners in the vicinity. The neighboring residents turned out and fought the flames, and No. 2 chemical company was summoned. The firemen assisted the citizens and the flames were extinguished. The origin of the fire is not known.



The sale which started this morning === a "Clean-Sweep" Before-Inventory Sale === promises to be one of the great est trade events ever placed before the people of Washington. Crowds of buyers have thronged the stores from the moment of opening. That it may be a "clean sweep" in fact, as well as in name, hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of goods have been marked down to a mere shadow of regular value and standard worth. You'll do well to read carefully the following offerings --- and time your visit for as early as possible. An ample force of salespeople will serve you satisfactorily and expeditiously. Deliveries will be prompt and accurate.

And always remember that you are at liberty to open an account and have your purchases charged, paying weekly or monthly. Strictly cash prices, and no additional charges whatever.

Nearly 90,000 residents of Washington have availed themselves of the liberal advantages of the Hecht Credit Way. You are welcome to

### Wonderful Clean Sweep Reductions in Tailor=made Skirts.

Just arrived in time for the Clean Sweep Sale-an elegant sample line of finest Black Taffeta Silk Skirts from the most renowned maker in the land. They are in many styles, every skirt an art creation in itself-they are lined and unlined; some with silk drop skirts; trimmings are most elaborate and include corded satin bands, fine tucked flounces, designs in white silk stitching, applique lace, hemstitched and tucked circular flounces, corded flounces, stitched taffeta bands, accordion pleating, &c. Best velveteen bindings. These elegant garments sell up to \$30.00, but the Clean \$9.98
Sweep Sale makes no distinctions, and out they go

at the sale price of...... 

Ladies' Gray, Brown and Blue Walking Skirts double-strapped seams and stitched flounce; a superior garment. Sale Price. \$2.98 Wide-wale Cheviot Skirts, beautifully made with deep flounce, blue and black; readily sold at \$4.98

Ladies' Fine Walking or Pedestrian Skirts; stylishly made in black and gray; trimmed with rows of tucking; readily selling at \$12.50.

### Largest Reductions on the Stylish Furs.

In no other line are the savings quite so surprising as in the furs. Already priced at half the furriers' figures—the reductions are little less than wonderful. For instance-

Beautiful Electric Seal Muffs, silk lining, large and very handsome; usual price, \$3.98. Clean \$1.29 Very Fine Imitation Marten Neckpleces; extra long tails; \$5 regularly. Clean Sweep Sale \$1.98 Handsome and Stylish Neckpleces, made of fine marten fur; high grade; sold at \$7.98. Clean \$2.98 Heavy Fox Fur Neckpleces, very long and bushy; very stylish; regular price. \$6.98. Clean \$3.98 Fine, Heavy Isabella Fox Fur Neckpieces, large and bushy tails; very stylish; regular price, \$15.98. \$9.98 Clean Sweep Sale Price.... Handsome and Stylish Neckpieces; made of fine mink fur; high grade; sold at \$12. Clean \$6.98

## Greatest Savings in the Sale.

#### Raglans and Coats. Finely Made Black and Castor Raglans-

hese Raglans are marked to sell up to

sell up to \$29.98. Clean

The new style Raglans, made of finest English kersey, castor and black—deep flounce and tailor-stitched bottom, cuff sleeves, velvet collar, half lined with satin, very swagger and stylish; \$25.00 is the marked price. Clean Sweep Sale Price.

### The Clean Sweep Sale in the Dry Goods Department.

SPECIAL-Imported German Silk-face Velvets-very rich quality—fine, close pile—all colors. This velvet is sold always and everywhere at \$1.00 yard. Clean Sweep 39C. Sale price of.....

Fine Velveteens in all colors, closely woven pile, 19 and 23 inches wide; sell always at 50c. yard. 19C.
All-wool Homespuns, full 52-inch wide; Oxford, tan, new blue and navy; the 75c. yard quality everywhere. Sale price....... 39c. Odd lot Eclipse Wrapper Flannelettes, full yard wide; sold at 12½c. and 15c. yard. Sale price, to close.

and plaids; sold always at 8c. and 10c. yard. Sale price, to close. 

Dress Goods, 45 and 50 inches wide, in 2

#### Two Astonishing Specials in Finest

### Man=Tailored Costumes.

\$9.98 -Suits we've sold at \$20 and thereabouts, every one perfection itself in both materials and make. A variety of fabrics and styles, the newest models in the superior grades of tailored costumes. One of the most surprising offerings of the entire Clean Sweep Sale -at \$9.98 for choice.

These are very fine sample Suits, just \$12.50 These are very fine sample Suits, just from the hands of the best makers made in the finest quality of black and blue pebble cheviot, double-breasted jacket styles, lined with satin; skirt is made ample width and handsomely trimmed with deep flounce. \$25 is the price always asked for such a suit.

The Clean Sweep Sale will take half from the prices of the very finest and highest grade costumes, many beautiful and elaborate creations to choose from-and pay

#### Half the Marked Price.

### The Sale's Most Surprising Offer. \$19.98 Kersey Coats, \$8.98.

Of all the wonderful offerings which the Clean Sweep Sale brings to the front, none is so extraordinary in every respect as is this -and we can frankly say that never in all of our business experience have such manifestly high values been placed on sale for so little. These beautiful coats are made of the very finest quality of English kersey cloth, tan, castor, black, blue and brown-lined throughout with best Skinner satin; some have triple-stitched yokes back and front; wide strapped seams; velvet collar; deep cuff sleeves; rows of silk stitching around; two rows pearl buttons. The coats are full 28 inches long, and are sold by stores handling the finest garments at \$19.98 and thereabouts—the Clean Sweep Sale makes the price......

#### Lowest Sale Prices on Silk Waists.

A great show table filled with finest quality of Black and Coloredo Taffeta Silk Waists in a multitude of styles, such as applique effects in embroidery, clusters of tucks and all-over tuck effects, silk herringbone-stripe inserting, hemstitching, &c. These waists sell readily at \$6, \$7 and \$8, but the quick closing-out before inventory places them in the Clean Sweep \$2.98 Sale marked at the ridiculous price of.....

### Satine Underskirts, 69c.

Every woman will remember the sensational sale of the Selz stock of fine Underskirts, the like of which never before took place in Washington. We've a lot of these left—the grades selling at 98c., \$1.49 and \$1.98—all best mercerized satine, one, two and three ruffles, some velvet trimmed. All are to be included in the Clean Sweep Sale at.....

### Clean Sweep Sale of

### Hosiery and Furnishings For Women and Children.

85c. Boys' Fleeced-lined Underwear ... . 19c. 50c. Jersey Gloves.................. 

 50 and 75c. Sample Underwear
 19c.

 50c. Imported Hoslery
 15c.

 25c. Slik Neckwear
 5c.

 5 and 8c. Embroideries
 2½c.

 Children's Ribbed Hosiery, in fast black, in all sizes, 5 to 9-15c, value 0/2c.

### The Clean Sweep Sale's Greatest Offering.

### French Flannel Waists

Which Sold at \$5 and \$6-for = = The entire surplus stock of the leading shirt waist maker of the world became ours

during the past week-a purchase which we can truthfully claim to be the largest ever made by any concern in this or any other city, not excepting New York. It was a most daring thing to do, but we know full well that you'll snap them up in a hurry when you see them, for there is not an undesirable pattern in the whole lot. The variety is most comprehensive, embracing silkembroidered waists, taffeta silk-trimmed waists, braid-trimmed waists; some with the stylish bishop sleeves and some with the equally stylish flare cuff. There is every size, of course, and the assortment is so complete that choosing is a pleasure. Thousands of these waists have been sold here this season for \$5 and \$6, and the Clean Sweep Sale price of \$1.98 makes an offering which is simply unparal-

### 79c. for Children's \$1.98 Dresses.

Beautifully made Gretchen Dresses, sizes 4 to 14 years, in wool plaids, checks and plain, trimmings include velvet ribbon, satin ribbon, soutache braid. pearl buttons, etc. A number of attractive styles-bretelles and yokes-all perfect in every respect. These dresses were made to sell for \$1.98, and you'll say they are splendidly worth itbut the Clean Sweep Sale knows no exceptions, and we have made the price for quick selling

#### \$2.00 Waists, 59C.

You can choose from all of the Fine Madras, Chambray, Grass Linen, Batiste, Lawn and Percale Waists-the sample lot which sold for 98c, readily in the recent sale, and will bring \$2 when the warmer weather comes. The Clean Sweep Sale makes the price 59c.

## Sweep Price, 49c.

49c. for Women's Kid Gloves.

A special sale of Women's

Kid Gloves, in all the leading

shades, including some blacks

and whites; two clasps; the quality always sold at \$1-Clean 66C. for Flannelette Wrappers.

# You can choose from all the

Ladies' Fine Flannelette Wrappers, in all colors, all sizes from 36 to 46; made with yokes trimmed with contrasting color braid; skirt full width and trimmed with deep flounce; selling for 98c., and pay the Clean Sweep Price, 66c.

#### Infants' Slips,

Infants' Slips, both long and short, made with nicely trimmed yokes of excellent materials-Clean Sweep Price, 17c.

## 29c. For Ladies' Dressing Sacques.

A very special offering of Ladies' Beautiful Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, prettily trimmed with silk frog fasteners; unusually good quality eiderdown; have sold rapidly at 98c. Clean Sweep Price, 29c.

# \$1 R. & G. 49C.

Two of the most popular shapes in the famous R. & G. Corsets-which, as every woman knows, always sell at \$1. As these are cream color and not white we were able to buy them so that we can make the Clean Sweep Sale price half the usual

#### Curtains and Portieres.

Here's little pricing in earnest-a few pennies buying the value of dollars. Fifth floor for these-

Handsome Nottingham Lace Curtains, in a number of styles; never before 29c.

75 Nottingham Lace Curtain ends; pretty styles and designs; always sold for 30c. at least-Clean 978c.

Heavy Chenille Portieres; several colors; also 6 pairs reversible Tapestry

\$2.50 pair—Clean Sweep Sale 98C Best quality Holland Window Shades; varfous colors; complete with all fixtures. Astonishingly priced in the Clean Sweep 1478C.

# HECHTS' GREATER STORES, 513-515 7th.

#### WILL BE HEARD AS TO CUBA.

Gen. Wood and Col. Bliss to Appear Before Ways and Means Committee. Col. Tasker H. Bliss, subsistence department, collector of customs for the port of Havana, has been summoned to Washington to appear before the committee on ways and means in connection with the consideration of measures for trade reciprocity between Cuba and the United States. This action was taken at the suggestion of the committee.

General Wood, commanding the military division of Cuba, is expected to come to Washington within the next week or two to confer with the President in regard to the proposed withdrawal of United States troops from the island on the establishment of the Cuban republic. He will also appear before the ways and means committee and be heard in reference to reciprocity with Cuba.

#### Witnesses to Installation.

There was a large congregation at the Church of Our Redeemer, Lutheran, 8th street and Grant avenue northwest, yesterday to witness the installation of the new church council, elected by the congregation to serve for two years. The pastor, Rev. D. E. Wiseman, preached a sermon from 1 Chron., 22, 16, "Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with you." 'The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur Hunt, furnished appropriate music. The sacrament of baptism was administered at the close of the service.

Mission Sunday in Episcopal Churches Special reference was made to the work of missions at the services yesterday in the various Episcopal churches of the diocese, and what is known as missionary day was generally observed.

A mass meeting of the children of the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension was held yesterday afternoon at the church. Addresses were made by Right Rev. J. M. Horner, bishop of Asheville; Right Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, bishop of Washington, and Mr. John W. Wood, corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Episcopal Church. A missionary rally for church Sunday schools of East Washington was held yesterday at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral. Archdescon Williams who is in charge of missionary was in the started of missionary was selected. deacon Williams, who is in charge of mis-sionary work in the District of Columbia, and the Rev. Robert W. Massie delivered addresses on missionary work.

#### Medical Society Officers.

At a recent meeting of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia the folowing officers were elected for the year

## FREE TRADE WITH MANILA.

The democratic members of the Senate committee on the Philippines were in conpendence, but, in the meantime, providing for free trade between the United States and the Philippine archipelago such as is maintained between the United States proper and other territories.

Anacostia and Vicinity.

The Alpha Charity Club of Anacostia, Mrs. R. B. Pendleton, president, held a well-attended open meeting Friday evening last at the residence of Mrs. George W. Mason on Nichols avenue. It was decided to organize a parents' union for the purpose of meeting monthly and discussing the practical questions with which parents are confronted in the training of their children. It was also voted to hold in the same connection an annual parents' congress, lasting three days or more, in which the parents of Anacostia, Congress Heights and the neighboring villages will be asked to participate for the discussion and exchange of their views on the subject of the training of children. The following named were elected officers of the union for the first term: Mrs. Matthew Tayton, president; Mrs. Louisa Hill, vice president; Mrs. Robert Carroll, secretary; Mrs. Cole, treesurer

treasurer. Rev. Charles B. Butler of Camden, N. J. a well-known Methodist evangelist, arrived in Anacostia yesterday for the purpose of assisting in the revival meetings which are in progress at the Methodist Church at Congress Heights. He conducted last night's service at the church.

Mrs. S. M. Frazier and children of Maple avenue, Anacostia, are visiting in Newark,

Police Sergeant Anderson, who has been in Philadelphia with Mr. George Skidmore, chief engineer at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, returned today and resumed charge of the Anacostia station, which during his absence was under the command of Sergeant C. A. Stavens

Will Be Brought Here for Trial. in this city for perjury, alleged to have Marietta, relieving Commander F. H. Debeen committed when he became bondsman for Albert Thompson, and who was arrested at Detroit, Mich., Thursday, will W. J. Barnette has been detached from probably be brought here tomorrow. Delowing officers were elected for the year 1902: President, Dr. Samuel S. Adams; vice presidents, Drs. J. W. Campbell and A. R. Shands; corresponding secretary, Dr. A. R. Shands; corresponding secretary, Dr. Thomas C. Smith; recording secretary, Dr. Et a tective Muller, who went to Detroit to look after the case, returned home yesterday. Kennerly was taken before a United States Commissioner Saturday morning. Franzoni; librarian, Dr. Edwin L. Morgan. The waived a hearing and was turned over to the training ship Saratoga and ordered to this city for duty in connection with the general board. Lieutenant Commander F. E. Beatty will be detached from his present duty at the Washington navy yard on the 21st instant and take command of the training ship Saratoga and ordered to this city for duty in connection with the general board. Lieutenant Commander F. E. Beatty will be detached from his present duty at the Washington navy yard on the 21st instant and take command of the training ship Saratoga and ordered to this city for duty in connection with the general board. Lieutenant Commander F. E. Beatty will be detached from his present duty at the Washington navy yard on the 21st instant and take command of the training ship Saratoga and ordered to this city for duty in connection with the general board. Lieutenant Commander F. E. Beatty will be detached from his present duty at the Washington navy yard on the 21st instant and take command of the training ship Saratoga and ordered to this city for duty in connection with the general board. Lieutenant Commander F. E. Beatty will be detached from his present duty at the Washington navy yard on the 21st instant and take command of the training ship Saratoga.

#### SEEKING A CADETSHIP.

Democratic Substitute for Philippine Considerable Pressure for the One and a personal way, is being brought to bear sultation for several hours Saturday after- by friends of candidates for the one cadettion for the Philippine tariff bill. They are emy, notwithstanding the report that the agreed on all the essential features of their appointment of principal has been promposition. In general, they say, they will ised to Ralph Sampson, son of Rear Adrecommend that in the end provision should miral Sampson, and that of alternate to be made giving the Filipinos their inde- the son of the late Rear Admiray Philip.

> For the Release of Miss Stone. A dispatch from Constantinople yesterday says: Reliable news has been received here that Miss Ellen M. Stone, the captive American missionary, Mme. Tsilka, her companion, and the latter's baby are well. Negotiations which it is expected will result in the early and safe return of the captives are in progress.

> John G. A. Leishman, the American minster here, is now directing the negotiations. He declines to say anything for publication, but admits there is ground for the above re-

## Effect of Cigarette Smoking.

A dispatch from Chicago says: Cigarette smoking is held responsible by the medical examiners of the school board for a startling increase in heart disease and nervous ailments among pupils in the high schools The condition was revealed by examinations recently held for admission to ath-Boys and sirls were subjected to the

same examinations. Not one girl was found unable to pass, while a large number of the boys, in almost every case smokers, were found to be in a physical condition which made violent exercise of any kind extremely dangerous.

Twenty-one out of one hundred were found units and all but three suffered from some form of heart trouble.

Ship Commanders Designated.

Commander J. A. Rodgers has been deached from duty as inspector in charge of the sixth lighthouse district, Charleston, Eugene Kennerly, colored, who is wanted S. C., and ordered to command of the lano, who is ordered to the hospital at the New York yard for treatment. Commander command of the training ship Saratoga

as in the Days of Yore. From the Madras Times. News from Aden tells that pirates, as in the "good old days of old." are troubling the coastwise shipping, and the stretch of Arabian water between Hodelda, Kunfadah and up to Jeddah is not safe. There are

three Turkish warships cruising along the Arabian coast, supposed to be doing special sea police duty, but piracy is still going on. To any one who knows aught of the methods of Turkish men-o'-war commanders this will not be astonishing. The latest case reported is that of a sambook which left Hodeida for Kunfadah, loaded with piece goods and merchandise worth about \$21,000 and \$12,000 in cash. The crew numbered fourteen, and there were twelve passengers. While anchored for the night, passengers. While anchored for the night, according to custom, in a barren place near the coast not very far from Jaizan, the ship was, at midnight, boarded by two fishing boats, containing twelve negroes armed with large sticks. The negroes fell on crew and passengers, beating them unmercifully, and, having tied up their hands and legs, took charge of the sambook and sailed all night. The following morning they arrived at a

The following morning they arrived at a small place on the coast, anchored, and four of them taking money went on shore. They bought sixty rifles and 1,200 cartridges, came back on board, and sailed again all day with their prisoners still tied up. After sunset they came to a place called Towail, on the same coast, which is their home. On anchoring, their friends crowded to the shore and joyfully helped them to discharge the loot. After taking out all the cargo, money, provisions and the crews and passengers' clothes, they told them to clear away with their sambook, giving them only one day's provisions. The leader of this gang, named Ahmed Gobaish, is said to be a well-known pirate and highwayman. He is also the chief of the place. Next day the despoiled passengers arrived at Jeddah and reported the matter to the authorities there.

#### Medical Statesmen.

From the Journal American Medical Association. Let us encourage a race of fairly paid medical statesmen, and then medicine will shortly occupy a place in public esteem and sociologic influence that is otherwise absolutely unattainable. In South and Central America, and on the continent of Europe, physicians frequently play the highest parts in public affairs, greatly to the benefit of the nation and to the standing of the profession of medicine. The same thing can be done in the United States if physicians are willing to follow the suggestions herein outlined. We must find a proper place for the term "Medical Statesman." sociologic influence that is otherwise abso-

#### RUSSIA'S FORESTS.

#### Realm.

The gradual deforestation of Russia is beginning to form a question of considerable importance to the imperial government, and various schemes for curtailing and regulating the consumption of timber are just now under ministerial consideration. Wooden Russia, as it is familiarly called, would not, however, appear as yet to be in imminent danger of destruction, if one may judge from a recently published official report on Russian forests. According to this authoritative statement, the forests in this country now cover a gross area of 188,000,000 hectares. Among European countries Sweden comes next with 18,000,000 hectares of forest. In Russia the forests cover 36 per cent of the whole im-perial area. The Swedish forests occupy 44 per cent of the total area and the Austro-Hungarian 32 per cent of the territory of the dual monarchy. Reckoned by the population there are two hectares of forest to each inhabitant in Russia, 3.85 in Swe-den, 4.22 in Norway and 0.28 per head in

The forests have, of course, a greater im-portance for the Russians than for the people of west European countries, owing to the fact that stone-built dwellings are not yet very prevalent in the country. Villages and small townships are still almost en-tirely constructed of timber, and the for-ests furnish the main sources of fuel supply. It is the private owners who are recklessly exploiting the forests and adequate laws and regulations must be pro-mulgated for regulating this indiscriminate

#### Remains of St. Agnes. From the London Tablet. Some excavations carried out in the cata

combs, at the expense of Cardinal Koop, bishop of Breslau, and especially under the high altar and choir of the Church of St. Agnes Without the Walls, from which his eminence takes his title, have resulted in the discovery of the body of St. Agnes, one of the most interesting figures among the primitive Christians of Rome, According to tradition she was a young girl who suffered martyrdom rather than sacrifice to the gods or accept a husband in one of to the gods or accept a husband in one of the persecutions of the fourth century—probably that of Diocletian. About the year 1600 the casket containing her body, was found on a marble slab in a subterranean vault under the church, and was reinclosed by Pope Paul V in a silver case. This case, with its contents, after being missing for nearly four centuries, has again been brought to light. British readers familiar with the writings of the late Cardinal Wiseman will remember that Agnes is one of the leading personages in his story, entitled "Fabiola," which illustrates the life of the early Roman Christians.

### WHEN THE SNOW FALLS.

#### Flourishing in Arabian Waters Now Caring for the Freelands in the Czar's Drift Forms as Observed in the Adie rondacks in Winter.

On a good drift-making day the snow comes, not in the star-shaped flakes that look so pretty when portrayed on a page of the dictionary, but in small peliets. These pellets are in shape like tiny white foot balls, usually, and they come rolling and tumbling down-wind as if they had

been "kicked for fair" by the halfback gods of the gale! And yet while they roll and tumble and bound they find lodging places, and as the idler gazes he sees them pile up in a wall on the crest of the road cut. Higher and higher grows the pile, forming at first a vertical wall, but before this has risen three inches it is seen to overhang the gulch. Though round and easily rolled, these

pellets in some way fit to each other as bricks would, until the overhang is perhaps a fifth as great as the elevation of the wall, a fifth as great as the elevation of the wall, and then, marvelous and impossible as it would seem to the unaccustomed observer a lip forms on the crest of the wall and soon it begins to droop and hang down. Wider and longer it grows, farther and farther it droops, until its shape is precisely like the lip formed on a huge wave when it breaks on a shoal-water beach. when it breaks on a shoal-water beach.
Lips that are ten feet wide and hang down
three feet, clear of all, though but six
or eight inches thick where they join the or eight inches thick where they join the chin of the wall, are not uncommon. By what magic is it that these frozen, oblong pellets that go bounding along as merrily as foot balls form into such a shape as that? Of course, if the storm continues a time usually comes when the lips break off because of their growing weight. And then no new lip forms to replace the lost one, The snow merely drops over into the lee of the wall and gradually fills the cutting.

From the New York Tribune. Inclined railroads to the tops of famous mountains are increasing in number. Is not likely that within a comparatively short period such lines of ascent will be built to the summits of the Egyptian pyramids? How old Rameses would stare if he could come back to earth and see excur-sion trains moving on cogged wheels or drawn by cables to the crests of Cheops and of Chephren!

### Endless.

From the Chicago News, Stubb-"Once more the papers say the Filipino army is on its lega." Penn-"Great guns! That army must be &

THE SATURDAY STAR